THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) to (d) The details of financial assistance provided by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to Rajasthan State Government for development and promotion of environment projects and utilization of the funds by the Rajasthan State Government during the last two years is given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

Financial assistance to Rajasthan Government

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	During the last two years	
		Funds released	Funds utilised
1.	Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	439.27	87.76
2.	Project Tiger	465.24	303.61
3.	Eco-development Scheme	792.41	329.36
4.	Integrated Afforestation and Eco-development Project Scheme	291.34	44.98
5.	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	38.69	0.00
6.	Non Timber Forests Produce	234.40	185.46
7.	Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Degraded Areas	39.35	32.39
8.	National Afforestation Programme	444.06	0.00
9.	Forest Fire Control Management	71.00	37.66
10.	Industrial Pollution Prevention Project	439.46	450.16*

*Higher utilisation is on account of utilisation of funds carried forward from previous years.

Survey to monitor forest

4384. SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has conducted any survey to monitor any increase in forest cover in the country in recent years;

(b) if so, details of increase state-wise; and

(c) if not, whether Government are thinking seriously to develop forest cover, in view of pollution and less rainfall in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Forest Survey of India has been mandated to assess the forest cover of the country biennially since 1987. The status of forest cover in last two assessments (1999 and 2001) is given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) The forest cover is being monitored biennially. The target is to achieve 25 per cent forest cover by 2007 and 33 per cent by 2012.

Statement

Regarding Survey to monitor Forest

Comparison of 1999 and 2001 Assessments of Forest Cover

(Area in sq. km.)

State/UT	1999 Assessment	*2001Assessment	Difference
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	44,229	44,637	+408
Arunachal Pradesh	68,847	68,045	-802
Assam	23,688	27,714	+4,026
Bihar	4,830	5,720	+890
Chhattisgarh	56,693	56,448	-245
Delhi	88	111	+23
Goa	1,251	2,095	+844
Gujarat	12,965	15,152	+2,187
Haryana	964	1,754	+790

1	2	3	4
Himachal Pradesh	13,082	14,360	+1,278
Jammu & Kashmir	20,441	21,237	+796
Jharkhand	21,644	22,637	+993
Karnataka	32,467	36,991	+4,524
Kerala	10,323	15,560	+5,237
Madhya Pradesh	75,137	77,265	+2,128
Maharashtra	46,672	47,482	+810
Manipur	17,384	16,926	-458
Meghalaya	15,633	15,584	-49
Mizoram	18,338	17,494	-844
Nagaland	14,164	13,345	-819
Orissa	47,033	48,838	+1,805
Punjab	1,412	2,432	+1,020
Rajasthan	13,871	16,367	+2,496
Sikkim	3,118	3,193	+75
Tamilnadu	17,078	21,482	+4,404
Tripura	5,745	7,065	+1,320
Uttar Pradesh	10,756	13,746	+2,990
Uttaranchal	23,260	23,938	+678
West Bengal	8,362	10,693	+2,331
Andman & Nikobar	7,606	6,930	-676
Chandigarh	7	9	+2
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	202	219	+17
Daman & Diu	3	6	+3
Lakshwadeep	0	27	+27
Pondicherry	0	36	+36
TOTAL	637,293	675,538	+38,245

*Based on digital interpretation.